



Crop Progress and Condition

Week Ending April 26, 2009

Agricultural Summary

Warm, dry conditions allowed producers to make substantial progress in spring tillage and planting. Spring plantings and tillage are well ahead of last year. **Topsoil moisture** is 2 percent short, 58 percent adequate, and 40 percent surplus. Surplus topsoil moisture declined 29 to 45 points in the eastern third of the State, while increasing 42 points in the northwestern district. **Spring tillage** is 50 percent complete, 11 days behind the normal of 62 percent. There were 4.2 **days suitable for fieldwork** with the southwest district reporting nearly 6 days suitable. Last year there were less than 2 days suitable for fieldwork.

Field Crops Report

Corn planting is 27 percent complete compared to 7 percent last year. Corn planting is 13 days behind the normal pace of 55 percent complete. Corn plantings increased 31 points in the southeast district. Planting advanced 20 points this past week compared to the 5 year average progress of 13 points during the same week. **Rice** planting is 47 percent complete, slightly ahead of normal. Rice emerged is at 9 percent, 3 days behind the normal pace of 14 percent. **Cotton** planting is at 10 percent, behind the normal progress of 18 percent. **Sorghum** planting is at 2 percent, 13 days behind the normal. Only the southeast and south-central districts report sorghum planted. **Soybean** planting has started with reports of a few fields seeded in the east-central, south-central and southeast districts. **Wheat** heading is at 5 percent, ahead of last year's 3 percent, but 7 days behind the normal of 17 percent. Condition is rated 1 percent very poor, 7 percent poor, 39 percent fair, 46 percent good, and 7 percent excellent.

Pasture & Livestock

Pasture condition is rated 1 percent very poor, 6 percent poor, 41 percent fair, 48 percent good, and 4 percent excellent. Pasture conditions continue to improve across the State with increases in good to excellent conditions in all districts except the southwest.

Weather Summary

Temperatures ranged from 4 to 8 degrees above average across the State except the southeast district where temperatures ranged from 3 to 6 degrees above average. **Rainfall** averaged 0.54 inches statewide with a range of 0.92 inches in the northwest district to 0.28 inches in the southeast district.

Audio Commentary

Weekly Crop Progress and Condition Audio Commentary by State Director Gene Danekas is available at:

http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Missouri/Publications/Audio/

Weather Data

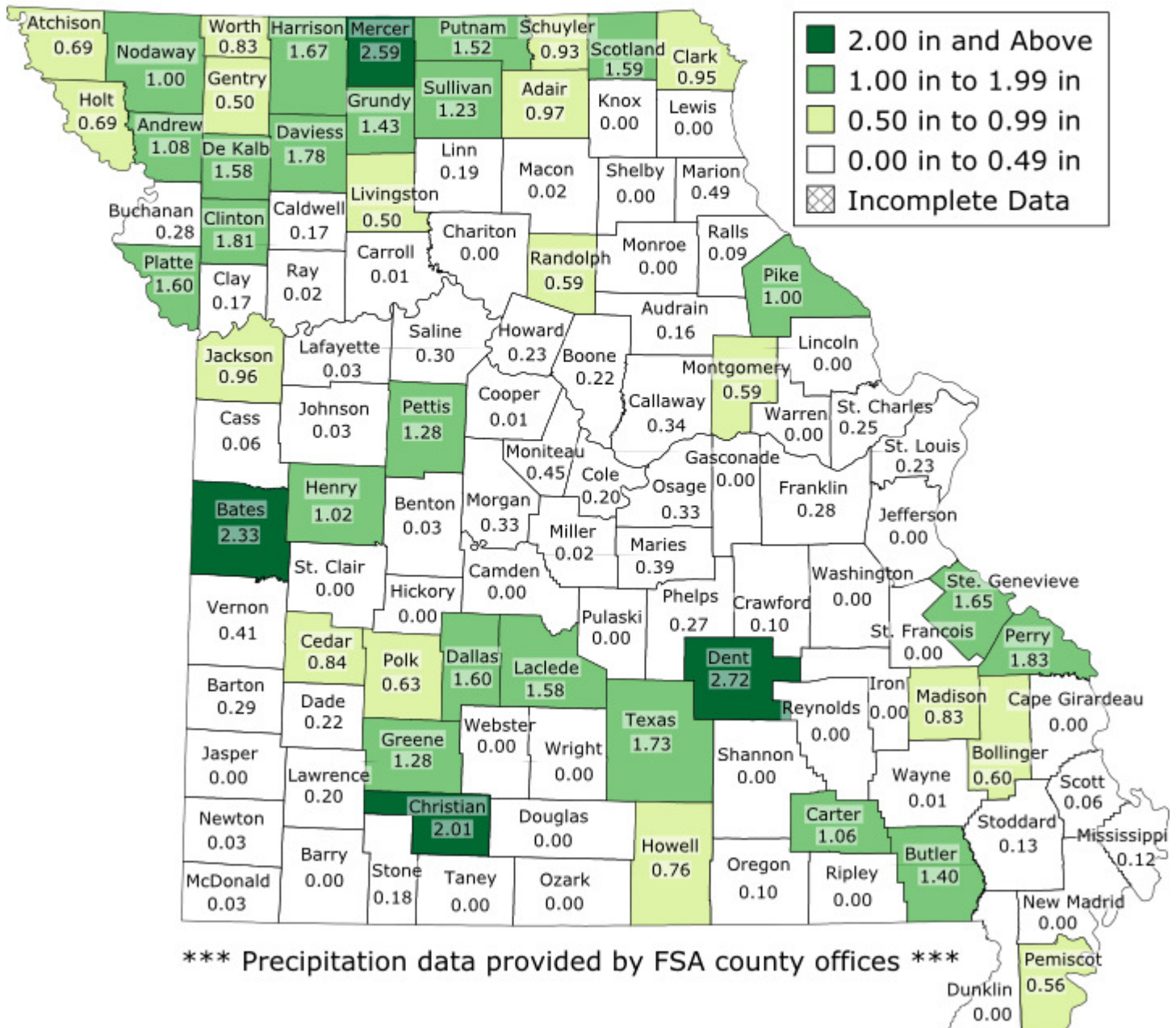
Hourly and daily weather data from stations throughout the state is available at:

<http://agebb.missouri.edu/weather/history/>

District Summaries As Of April 26, 2009

	Missouri	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE
Days Suitable For Fieldwork										
This Year	4.2	3.9	3.5	3.1	3.3	4.5	4.6	5.9	4.5	4.8
Last Year	1.6	0.8	0.3	0.5	1.2	1.2	2.3	3.7	4.0	3.8
Topsoil Moisture Supply										
Very Short	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Short	2	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	3	6
Adequate	58	33	26	57	28	65	81	91	92	76
Surplus	40	67	74	43	72	35	15	8	5	18
Ground Worked Spring Tillage, Percent										
This Year	50	50	45	15	54	50	45	70	62	60
Last Year	23	15	31	14	31	17	17	34	30	32
Normal	62									
Corn Planted, Percent										
This Year	27	23	16	9	23	34	19	44	28	59
Last Year	7	4	6	2	5	6	6	10	3	28
Normal	55									
Soybeans Planted, Percent										
This Year	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	3
Last Year	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Normal	4									
Winter Wheat Headed and Beyond, Percent										
This Year	5	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	16	27
Last Year	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	8
Normal	17									
Winter Wheat Condition										
Very Poor	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Poor	7	4	25	9	2	2	14	1	8	4
Fair	39	55	27	42	42	41	37	13	49	32
Good	46	38	41	45	50	52	44	84	23	46
Excellent	7	2	5	3	6	5	5	2	20	18
Pasture Condition										
Very Poor	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Poor	6	7	11	10	9	6	8	1	3	0
Fair	41	51	48	53	38	44	41	34	34	2
Good	48	36	34	30	48	45	50	57	63	85
Excellent	4	6	3	7	5	5	1	8	0	13
Average Precipitation	0.54	0.92	0.83	0.43	0.63	0.41	0.38	0.42	0.46	0.28

Precipitation for Week Ending April 26, 2009



Precipitation for Four Weeks Ending April 26, 2009

